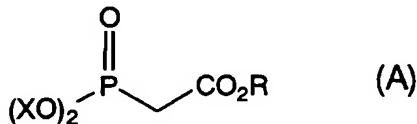


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging page 3 to page 4, line 13 on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

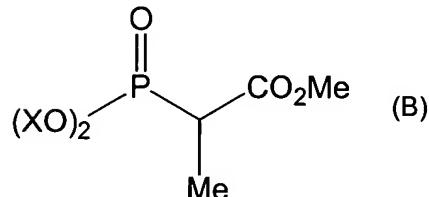
Further, the present invention provides a process for producing a compound represented by the general formula (I), comprising:

- (1) reacting tetrahydropyran-2-ol with (ethoxycarbonylethylidene) triphenylphospholane;
- (2) protecting a free hydroxyl group of the reaction product from (1);
- (3) transforming a hydroxymethyl group of the reaction product from (2) into a formyl group;
- (4) reacting the reaction product from (3) with phosphonoacetic acid ester represented by the following general formula (A):



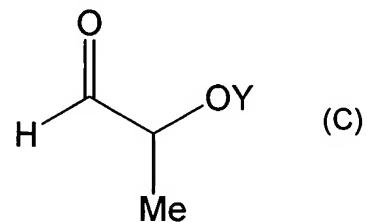
(wherein R and X each represent a linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl or aryl group);

- (5) reacting the reaction product from (4) with a base and acetaldehyde;
- (6) formally dehydrating the reaction product from (5);
- (7) deblocking a protecting group of the reaction product from (6);
- (8) oxidizing the reaction product from (7);
- (9) reacting the reaction product from (8) with phosphonopropionic acid methyl ester represented by the following general formula (B):



(wherein X is synonymous with the foregoing);

(10) reacting the reaction product from (9) with acetonitrile in the presence of a base;
(11) reacting the reaction product from (10) with propanal represented by the following general formula (C):



(wherein Y represents a protecting group of a hydroxyl group);

(12) epoxidizing the reaction product from (11);
(13) deblocking a protecting group of the reaction product from (12);
(14) dehydrating a cyano group from the reaction product from (13); and
(15) lactamizing the reaction product from (14).